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Family, food and fun

Julie Rendleman
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Paige Thies, 3, of Neumert, sits behind the bar at Bottoms Up. Her mother and father, Jason and Kristi Thies, took ownership of the bar July 1. "We're a family restaurant," Kristi said. Wednesday is "chicken night" at Bottoms Up. "We have almost 400 people a

night (on Wednesdays), so for a town of only 250 people, that's pretty good," said Chelsea Jarrett, a waitress at Bottoms Up and niece to the Thies. "It does bring a lot of the college kids down to Neumert. They can't afford expensive food, and since we're not in a big

city, we can afford to keep our prices low," she said. Customers can get a whole chicken for \$5, a half of a chicken for \$2.50 and any beer for only \$1. Bottoms Up is located about 35 minutes from Carbondale west of Highway 3 near the Mississippi River.

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Illinois voters call for reform

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Illinois voters want political reform, and they are ready to go to the polls to get it.

Almost 65 percent of respondents said the public should vote on political reform by referendum rather than action by the Legislature, according to a recent survey released by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Institute officials held two news conferences Monday — one at the State Capital in Springfield and one at the institute on campus — to release data from its second annual survey of public opinion.

"These are proposals that are very difficult for elected officials to impose upon themselves, and the voters appear to believe they need to do it themselves through the initiative and referendum process," Charles Leonard, visiting professor at the institute, said in a report.

The institute created, financed and directed a telephone survey to 800 registered voters across Illinois. Results from the sample had a statistical margin for error at less than 4 percent, according to the institute's report. The poll was created to help Illinois leaders, policymakers and academic researchers better understand the public's opinion.

Poll results for the gubernatorial contest and job approval ratings were released last week and showed Republican voters' uncertainty in the race for governor. Leonard said there are virtually no statistical results in the Republican race.

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Saluki Way structures begin to go up

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As the new football stadium starts to go up, Athletic Director Mario Moccia said so does Saluki fans' anticipation.

The structure of the football stadium's press box has been constructed, and all of the steel in the addition to SIU Arena has been put in place.

Moccia said he has noticed an increase in anticipation since visible structures began going up.

"It's just human nature that the excitement grows as the project comes out of the ground," Moccia said. "I think there's more traffic driving by just to see the project."

Moccia said the athletic department has also been heavily publicizing the project with a webcam that allows users to watch the construction.

Jason King, associate athletic director, said three of the six concession stands and restroom facilities have been completed. There is work being done to the fourth, and the structure of the stadium's press box is now visible.

"What you're seeing out there right now is the very lowest level of the press box," King said. "It's almost going to double in size from what you see now. I think it's about 35 feet high right now, and when it's all said and done it will be about 73 feet high."

King said he expects the press box to be an impressive structure when it is complete.

Saluki Way is the massive overhaul on the east side of campus. The first phase carries a price tag of \$83 million with \$20 million coming from a tax imposed by the city of Carbondale, \$41.5 million coming from student fees and the remaining \$21.5 million coming through private donations.

Phil Gatton, director of the Physical Plant, said SIU Arena is being prepared for the start of the basketball season.

"The last week or two we've started to clean up and get all of the construction material out of there," Gatton said. "We're

66 to see it start to take shape is important for all of us, not only in athletics, but others in the community and on campus as well.

basically getting everything ready to play basketball."

Gatton said construction to SIU Arena and football stadium are on schedule.

King said while some of the work to the arena will halt for the basketball season, a lot of it would continue.

"There is no doubt that, during the season, you're going to be able to tell that the arena is under

— Jason King, associate athletic director construction," King said. "There's going to be some areas that you walk through and notice are unfinished."

King said the work would take place on the outskirts of the arena.

Gatton said the project has been able to stay on schedule despite having more rain than prior years.

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Daylong trailer park fires result of misunderstanding

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Three unoccupied mobile homes were illegally set ablaze in a trailer park outside Carbondale Sunday morning and burned until firefighters were called and doused the flames in the early evening, according to neighborhood residents.

Bruce Skelton said property owner Charlie Jones gave his construction company the task of tearing down the trailers, located roughly three miles outside Carbondale's city limits. Skelton's company set fire to the remnants of the homes after tearing them down, not knowing it was illegal, he said.

Jones declined to comment. Resident Olivia Brooks, who lives on the same block, said she was sitting on her deck Sunday morning playing dominoes when she was surrounded by smoke.

Brooks said she went inside, but had to call the fire department after the smoke became unbearable later in the day.

"It was hard to breathe," she said.

The Williamson County and Cambria fire departments responded between 5 and 6 p.m. and put out the fire in about 30 minutes, Cambria fireman Shane Thompson said.

Thompson said the trailers on the 100 block of North Anaheim were no longer standing when he and other firefighters arrived.

The aluminum had been stripped off the buildings before they were set on fire, he said.

No police responded to the scene, and no charges were filed.

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Brian Stafford, employee for Skelton Construction, loads aluminum siding from a job site on Anaheim Road Monday. The debris was leftover from a controlled fire Stafford and others used to complete a demolition job to remove several trailers from his property.

Charges dropped against teen in beating death

Karen Hawkins
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — First-degree murder charges were dropped Monday against one of four teens accused in the brutal beating of a Chicago honor student that was recorded in a cell phone camera video.

Eugene Bailey, 18, of Chicago, was arrested Sept. 26, two days after 16-year-old Derrion Albert was killed during a fight after classes let out at Christian Fenger Academy High School on the city's South Side.

Prosecutors dropped the charge Monday with little explanation.

"While the charge against Bailey was brought in good faith based on witness accounts and identifications, additional information has developed during the ongoing investigation that warranted dismissal of the murder charge against Bailey at this time," the state attorney's office in Cook County said in a statement.

A spokeswoman for the office declined to elaborate, saying the investigation is ongoing.

Bailey spoke to reporters briefly as he left the Cook County Jail on Monday evening, thanking Jesus for his release and expressing remorse for missing Albert's funeral while he was in custody.

"I just want to give a shout-out to Derrion's family, his mother and grandmother," he said. "And I'm sorry I couldn't attend his funeral. He was a good friend of mine."

A woman who answered the phone at Bailey's home number hung up when contacted Monday for comment.

Bailey's family has maintained his innocence, saying the Fenger senior wasn't at the fatal fight and police misidentified him in the video.

Three other teens still face charges in the melee: Silvonus Shannon, 19; Eugene Riley, 18; and Eric Carson, 16. All are being held without bail. Their next court date is Friday.

A cell phone video shows a group of people striking Albert with boards and kicking him as he lay on a sidewalk. Albert, who was a sophomore at Bailey's home number hung up when contacted Monday for comment.

Albert's death and the disturbing footage of the beating quickly attracted the attention of President Barack Obama, who sent Attorney General Eric Holder and Education Secretary Arne Duncan to the city to meet with Fenger students, parents and administrators. Duncan, the former chief of Chicago Public Schools, said Fenger would receive an emergency grant of about \$500,000 for counselors or other programs.

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Obama soft on Darfur genocide

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In 2003, two groups in Sudan, the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) and Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), accused the government of oppressing Black Africans in favor of Arab Africans over grazing rights and land usage.

These two small groups began to attack the government.

The government of Sudan, after the attacks on government targets, mobilized against the SLA and JEM. This is how the conflict started, and this is where the conflict turned from dismantling a rebellion to genocide.

Genocide is the act committed to destroy a nation, ethnic, racial or religious group. It is reported by the United Nations that up to 300,000 people have died from the combined efforts of the war, famine and disease from this conflict.

There are estimated to be 1 to 2 million refugees from Sudan who have settled across the border in Chad in makeshift towns. These towns don't have enough food or aid to help those in need because of attacks by the Janjaweed, an Arab militia in the region.

The Sudanese government states the death toll is only at 10,000, and it denies any link to the Janjaweed.

The BBC reports air raids by government planes over towns in Darfur (a state within Sudan) and they would be directly followed by ground attacks from the Janjaweed.

The Janjaweed are reported to ride through towns and slaughter fathers and sons, rape women and steal whatever they want. Senseless massacre.

During the U.S. presidential campaign, then-candidate Barack Obama spoke about the Darfur region. He talked of creating stricter international sanctions and military action against Sudan.

When the policy was announced, it was not even by Obama, but Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice and the U.S. envoy to Sudan General Scott Gration.

The same Gration who advocated, "We've got to think about giving out cookies. Kids, countries — they react to gold stars, smiley faces, handshakes, agreements, talk, engagement."

That type of action toward a nation that killed 300,000 of its own people should not be excused.

The Obama Administration is taking a soft approach to dealing with Sudan.

It is not placing stricter sanctions against the country, but instead waiting on concessions before lifting any. It is still on the State Sponsors of Terror list at the State Department and the administration will refer to the conflict as "ongoing genocide."

Ongoing genocide will still be underway when peace talks fall apart, when the U.N. is convening to discuss its next measure and sanction, when Obama makes a pretty speech a month later about the atrocities in Sudan and when attacks are weakening the future government of South Sudan before it votes on independence.

But there is a bright side to the slow moving efforts of diplomacy. In March 2009, the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for President Bashir of Sudan for five counts of crimes against humanity and two counts of war crimes.

This should make those hundreds of thousands of refugee families feel better.

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GUEST COLUMN

Balloon boy: A set piece in five acts

Brian Dickerson
McCLATON TRIBUNE

Remember when we had to wait months to see the made-for-TV movie? No more! Now breaking news and dramatic license have merged in a single stew of live video, expert commentary and rank speculation.

What's odd is how formulaic this new form has become — as predictable in its narrative arc as any dramatization "based on real events" (as TV producers used to say when they still acknowledged the distinction between real events and made-up ones).

Act I: The setup.

Look! Up in the sky! It's a flying saucer! Or maybe the cover from someone's gas grill. No, wait, it's a weather balloon! With a terrified 6-year-old on board! Really? Do we know that? Who cares? We've got live video!

Act II: The suspense builds.

We're still not sure what we're watching — it looks a little bit like that plastic shopping bag flitting about in "American Beauty" — but we're hypnotized.

Now the caption says, "BOY MAY BE TRAPPED ABOARD BALLOON," so we'll want to hear from experts on boys, experts on balloons and maybe someone who's been confined in a small space.

A specialist in childhood trauma says this experience will likely haunt the balloon boy for the rest of his life, assuming he is actually aboard the balloon. Expert No. 2, a veteran balloonist, says it's virtually impossible that this is the case. No way a weather balloon such as the one we're watching could bear a 50-pound boy to its current altitude.

Which means it's time to go to reporters at the scene for ...

Act III: The surprise twist.

The balloon is drifting gently to the ground ... easy ... it's down! And the boy is ... nowhere to be found! The only reasonable conclusion is he has tumbled out of the balloon en route.

We'll need experts in wide-area searches and someone who's survived a big fall. Anyone got a number for Humpty-Dumpty? Meanwhile, let's go to Denver, where our correspondent is ... What? Really? Inside a box?

Act IV: The happy ending.

He's alive! Little Falcon (What were the odds his real name would turn out to be even better than "Balloon Boy?") has been hiding in his parents' garage, the scam!

Cue the cheering neighbors, the tearful parents! Just imagine their relief! Imagine how relieved you would feel if you thought your child had been borne away by your weather balloon and ... What's that? You can't imagine being that negligent?

Act V: The recriminations.

This is my favorite part. Where to begin? How about with the enormous resources squandered on this totally unnecessary search? Let's start with the hourly salaries of everyone involved, sheriff's deputies, air traffic controllers, military pilots, etc. (Would they all have stayed home Thursday if Little Falcon had remained in plain view?)

Throw in the cost of helicopter fuel, delayed flights and the lost productivity of millions of workers who spent their afternoon glued to CNN, and we're into the trillions of dollars.

No wonder we can't afford health care! And what kind of parents let their kids play with a weather balloon? The same kind, it turns out, who make guest appearances on "Wife Swap."

Do you suppose these nut-balls just made the whole thing up? Let's ask the boy, whose parents have thoughtfully made him available (yet again) to the press. What do you say, Falcon? Was it all a hoax? What the ... did you just barf? On camera? Geez son, how about a little self-control? This is live TV.

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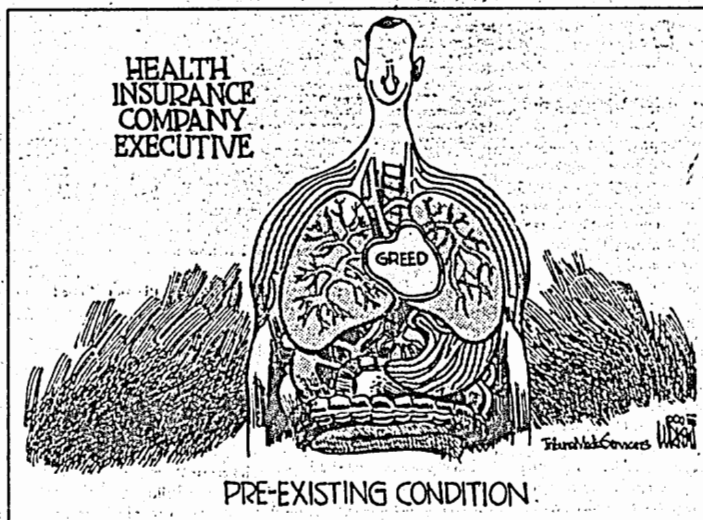
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm not gonna hit you, but I'd like to, because you deserve it."

David Keene
chairman of the American Conservative Union,
responding to John Ziegler in the conservative radio host's latest documentary; Ziegler was after Keene
for criticizing Sarah Palin and supporting Senator Arlen Specter before his party switch.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

Wal-Mart and the high cost of 'cheap'

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McCLATYON TRIBUNE

Last month, a bevy of Richmond, Va., residents joined with preservationists in filing a legal objection to the proposed construction of a Wal-Mart Supercenter within firing range of the Wilderness Battlefield.

About 30,000 American soldiers were injured or killed on that field 145 years ago, and while we hope no blood will be spilled in the eventual outcome of the skirmish, the stakes are still fairly high.

On one side are the buffs, historians, concerned citizens and celebrities who argue that the Civil War landmark is both sacrosanct and vulnerable.

"The Wal-Mart project would irrevocably harm the battlefield and seriously undermine the visitor's experience," declared Zann Nelson, president of Friends of the Wilderness Battlefield.

On the other side are Wal-Mart executives, who counter that far from besmirching hallowed ground, the intent is to boost the region with hundreds of jobs, hundreds of thousands of tax dollars and an unbeatable shopping experience.

Neither side of this dispute is likely to see the world through the others' eyes. But a close look at the evidence makes clear that, historical significance aside, the addition of another 130,000 square feet of Wal-Mart to a region already cluttered with the stores will bring significant collateral damage. Wal-Mart boasts of having the low-

est possible prices on the widest possible selection of goods, thereby offering both convenience and value.

But a few years ago Massachusetts Institute of Technology-trained economist Emek Basker decided it was time to examine that claim, and engaged in a study of Wal-Mart stores located near 165 cities across the United States.

What she found was that Wal-Mart does indeed offer low prices, but not on everything it sells.

In fact, Basker found that Wal-Mart prices were actually higher than average for the region on one-third of its stock. Equally interesting was that on those items for which prices were lower, the average savings was 37 cents, with about one-third of goods carrying a savings of no more than 2 cents.

Research for this study concluded prior to the ongoing recession, thanks to which Wal-Mart, like most retailers, was forced to reduce its prices still further to keep the customers coming.

It did so by aggregating the power of millions of individual consumers to gain leverage over its suppliers, the folks who actually manufacture and deliver the goods. As the nation collapsed into its worst economic downturn in generations earlier this year, former Wal-Mart CEO H. Lee Scott Jr. couldn't have been more pleased.

"In my mind there is no doubt that this is Wal-Mart time," he gloated. "This is the kind of environment that Sam Walton built

this company for.

When the nation is in pain, deep discounters such as Wal-Mart gain. They do not have to innovate to gain profit share; they simply squeeze their employees and suppliers a bit harder.

The power to wring cost out of bargain-basement goods is what makes Wal-Mart so appealing to consumers, and the leverage to do so while maintaining record profits is what makes Wal-Mart so appealing to company executives and investors.

Naturally, these "everyday low prices" are not plucked out of thin air — they come at a substantial cost to most of us.

What might one day be called the "Wilderness Battlefield. Wal-Mart" will bring jobs, but not necessarily the sort of jobs our Civil War ancestors battled to protect. Wal-Mart is fairly secretive about its pay scale, but what is clear is that most members of its rank-and-file work force do not make enough to build a solid middle-class life.

Often these workers require supports in the form of subsidized health care and even food stamps, and the taxpayers foot the bill.

We've been asked to believe that low prices on T-shirts and toilet paper and hamburger compensate for these poverty-level wages, but we know in our hearts that they don't.

Especially when so many of the cheap goods these "associates" stock and sell are manufactured or grown far away, in low-

wage countries siphoning off jobs that once made possible the middle-class futures our ancestors sacrificed their lives to preserve.

It's not just Wal-Mart workers who are suffering under this system.

For 90 percent of Americans, wages and benefits have been flat or declined for years: We may be able to afford those cheap T-shirts and toys, but it's become increasingly difficult to pay for the necessities — fuel, housing, health care and a decent education for our kids.

Low prices are made possible by low wages, job insecurity and the loss of workers' rights up and down the supply chain.

With the unemployment rate hovering at 10 percent, can we really afford to continue on this path?

Civil War battlefields deserve our respect. And so do the memories of the soldiers who fought on them.

One of the more famous of those soldiers was William McKinley, who later became the nation's 25th president. It's impossible to know for sure what President McKinley would have said about the Wilderness Battlefield, but we can garner some clues from the historical record.

"I do not prize the word 'cheap,'" he once said. "It is not a badge of honor. Cheap merchandise means cheap men."

More than a century later, his words ring truer than ever.

Shell, a professor at Boston University and a contributing editor of the *Atlantic*, is author of "Cheap: The High Cost of Discount Culture."

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Shunned Illinois senator relevant

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — For Democrats determined to get a health care bill, Sen. Roland Burris is like the house guest who couldn't be refused, won't soon be leaving and poses a plausible threat of ruining holiday dinner.

Suddenly, he can no longer be ignored.

The Illinois Democrat, appointed by disgraced former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, says he'll only vote for a bill to provide health care to millions more Americans as long as it allows the government to sell insurance in competition with private insurers.

And he says he won't compromise.

"I would not support a bill that does not have a public option," Burris, 72, said. "That position will not change."

Those words caught the attention of the very Democratic leaders who tried to keep Burris out of the Senate, suggested he resign and have shunned him in unprecedented fashion. Burris is not the only Democrat to insist on creation of a government-run health plan. But he is the one who has the least to lose by defying President Barack Obama and the Democrats who once turned him out in the cold rain.

It was early January and Blagojevich had appointed Burris,

a former Illinois attorney general, to Obama's former Senate seat — defying Democrats in Washington who had wanted someone without a tainted patron and with a better chance of winning election in 2010.

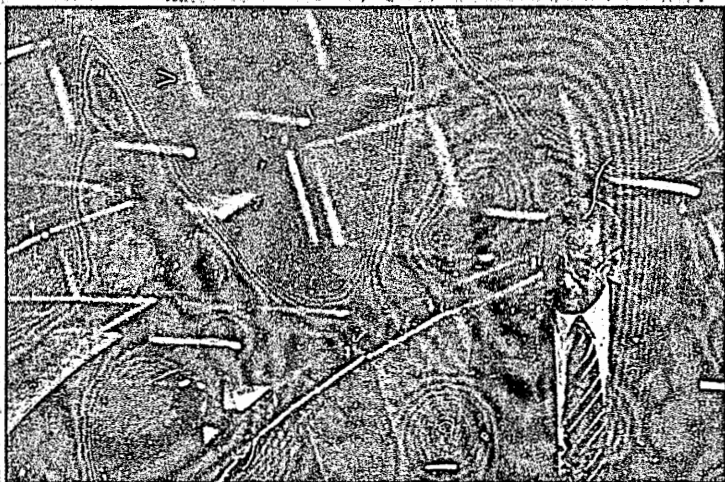
What happened next was a procession of ugly images, from Burris' rain-swept news conference after Democrats turned him away from a swearing-in to Illinois Rep. Bobby Rush daring Democrats to block an accomplished lawyer who would be the chamber's only black.

Bitterly, the Democrats seated Burris. But when it came out that Burris had admitted what he had denied under oath — that he'd unsuccessfully tried to raise money for Blagojevich — Majority Whip Richard Durbin, D-Ill., suggested that Burris resign. He refused.

A Senate ethics committee probe is pending into Burris' statements. Democratic leaders, meanwhile, refused to support any effort by Burris to seek a full term, and he will leave the Senate in 2011.

Meanwhile, his relationship with the rest of his caucus has settled into one of mutual, if chilly, benefit.

It works this way: Burris stays mum about any bitterness he may feel about his reception, and he gets Obama's Senate seat for two years. Democrats seat him, don't speak of him and can count on his loyal vote at a time when all 58



Sen. Roland Burris (D-Ill.) leaves the House Chamber after President Barack Obama addressed a joint session of Congress in the House Chamber of the U.S. Capitol in Washington Feb. 24.

Democrats and two independents must vote together to prevent Republican filibusters.

They've never needed 60 votes like they do on the yet-to-be-finalized health care bill. A disciplined grin shows that Burris knows it.

No, he says, he will not vote for any version of a government-run plan circulating in the Senate, other than the full-blown one from the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

He won't vote, for example, for Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe's idea to use the threat of a public option to force insurers to lower premiums by certain deadlines. He hasn't seen the details of another

idea, proposed by Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., that would allow each state to decide whether to offer public coverage to compete with private insurers. The health committee's proposal, he says, must be in the final bill to earn his vote.

"Yeah, that's the one," Burris said.

By definition, all 100 senators are relevant because any one can block Senate business unless there are 60 votes to override the objection. But Burris' stated position on the public option means that Democrats can no longer take his vote for granted.

It's too early to tell whether the public option, or some version of it, ends up in the final compromise between a committee of House

and Senate lawmakers. First, each chamber must pass its version of a health care bill. House Democrats are insisting on the government-run plan; but in the Senate, the public option is less popular.

Every Democratic vote is important. And yet, Democratic leaders aren't talking about Burris.

Instead, they're talking confidently about having the votes for the biggest policy overhaul in a generation, a signature issue for Obama and the Democratic Party.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said Burris' demand alone makes him no different than other senators seeking this or that in the bill.

UN-backed panel confirms massive Afghan fraud

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL — U.N.-backed fraud investigators on Monday threw out nearly a third of President Hamid Karzai's votes from the August election, undercutting his claim of victory and stepping up the pressure for him to accept a runoff.

The Obama administration has been holding off on a decision to send more troops to Afghanistan until a credible government is installed in Kabul.

Both Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and the U.N. secretary general signaled on Monday that a resolution was near.

Clinton said Karzai planned to announce his intentions on Tuesday, adding that she was "encouraged at the direction the situation is moving."

A spokeswoman for U.N. Secre-

tary-General Ban Ki-moon said he spoke with Karzai and the Afghan leader assured him he will "fully respect" the constitutional process even if it means a runoff against his top challenger, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah.

The findings by the Electoral Complaints Commission dropped Karzai's votes to 48 percent of the total, below the 50 percent threshold needed for him to avoid a runoff, according to calculations by independent election monitors.

Still, it was uncertain whether the Afghan-led Independent Election Commission, which is dominated by Karzai supporters, would accept the findings and announce a second round.

Karzai campaign spokesman Waheed Omar said the Karzai camp was waiting for the election commission to formally certify the U.N.-backed panel's findings, thereby giving them the force of law. Although short of an unequiv-

ocal pledge to accept a run-off, the statement appeared to represent a step in that direction after days of outright rejection.

Karzai's camp had complained about the panel of three foreigners and two Afghans which conducted the fraud investigation, saying foreigners were unfairly influencing the outcome.

Last week Karzai aides suggested he might contest the findings, setting off a series of last-minute diplomatic efforts, including visits by Sen. John Kerry, a Democrat and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as well as telephone calls by Clinton and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Karzai met again late Monday with Kerry and U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry to discuss the standoff.

The two-month election crisis threatens to undermine the Obama administration's Afghan strategy at

a time when public support for the eight-year war is declining in the U.S. and the Taliban-led insurgents are gaining strength. The White House says President Barack Obama will not decide whether to send thousands more U.S. troops to Afghanistan until the political crisis is resolved.

Preliminary results released last month showed Karzai winning more than 54 percent of the vote in the 36-candidate race. However, proclamation of a Karzai victory was withheld until the U.N.-backed commission finished its investigation into widespread

fraud allegations.

The inquiry was concluded last week, but the panel withheld releasing the findings while talks were held with the Karzai-dominated election commission that must certify the results and order any runoff.

The U.N.-backed panel decided to release its report Monday after the Afghan commissioners kept insisting on changes that would show Karzai winning outright. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Abdullah campaign spokesman Fazel Sancharzai welcomed the fraud panel's findings as "a step forward" and said the election commission had no choice but to call a runoff.

Afghans close to Karzai said the president feared the runoff was part of an Obama administration plan to oust him — a charge the U.S. has repeatedly denied. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to speak for Karzai.

The findings by the Electoral Complaints Commission dropped Karzai's votes to 48 percent of the total, below the 50 percent threshold needed for him to avoid a runoff.

PAKISTAN

Pakistan fights Taliban, but cuts deal with some militants

DERA ISMAIL KHAN — Pakistan's army, in the midst of a major new offensive against Taliban militants, has struck deals to keep two powerful, anti-U.S. tribal chiefs from joining the battle against the government, officials said Monday.

The deals increase the chances of an army victory against Pakistan's enemy No. 1, but indicate that the 3-day-old assault into the Taliban's strongholds in South Waziristan may have less effect than the U.S. wants on a spreading insurgency across the border in Afghanistan.

WASHINGTON

Government won't prosecute some medical marijuana users

WASHINGTON — Pot-smoking patients or their sanctioned suppliers should not be targeted for federal prosecution in states that allow medical marijuana, prosecutors were told Monday in a new policy memo issued by the Justice Department.

Under the policy spelled out in a three-page legal memo, federal prosecutors are being told it is not a good use of their time to arrest people who use or provide medical marijuana in strict compliance with state law.

WASHINGTON

European astronomers find 32 new planets outside solar system

WASHINGTON — European astronomers have found 32 new planets outside our solar system, adding evidence to the theory that the universe has many places where life could develop.

Scientists using the European Southern Observatory telescope didn't find any planets quite the size of Earth or any that seemed habitable or even unusual. But their announcement increased the number of planets discovered outside the solar system to more than 400.

IRAN

Iran vows reprisals for bombing

TEHRAN — Iran vowed retaliation Monday after accusing Pakistan, the U.S. and Britain of aiding Sunni militants who stunned the Islamic regime with a suicide bombing that killed top Revolutionary Guard commanders and dozens of others.

A commentary by the official news agency called on Iranian security forces to "wisely deal with Pakistan once and for all" and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told his Pakistani counterpart that his nation must hunt down suspected members of Jundallah.

VOTERS

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"We have found that the Republican race for governor is a mess," Leonard said. "It is a crowded field of people with mostly low statewide name recognition, and the 'don't-know' vote (is) extremely large."

On the Democratic side, a large proportion of voters don't have an opinion for either Gov. Pat Quinn or Illinois Comptroller Daniel Hynes — the only two Democratic candidates running for governor, he said.

"It's still very early in an unsettled race," Leonard said. "It's not surprising to find opinions that are unsettled."

John Jackson, visiting professor, said the data also showed the majority of Illinoisans favor electoral and political reform.

"We at the Institute think it's important for people to have some sense of what public opinion in Illinois is

looking like on the issues (today)," Jackson said.

Jackson said the Institute is looking more in-depth at public policy issues. He said some of the state's corruption problems originated in the financing of political campaigns. According to the survey, almost 65 percent of respondents said they favored the idea of limiting money the party leadership can redistribute, and seven in 10 voters said they favored a proposal to make Illinois campaign finance limits the same as federal limits.

"Right now anybody can give as much as they want to — any place, any time in Illinois," Jackson said.

Until last year, no limits were placed on campaign contributions, and a law putting caps on contributions was almost passed, but the Legislature decided not to sign it, said Joseph Tobin Grant, associate professor of political science.

"(The question) is how much it's going to be and how much they are going to ban," Grant said.

Jackson said Quinn endorsed a proposal to amend the state constitution, allowing recall elections of all statewide officeholders, which means people could vote at any time to remove an elected official rather than wait until the next election. According to the survey, almost 75 percent of Illinois voters agreed.

"The scandals of the last couple of years, particularly culminating with an impeached governor (facing) the possibility of federal prison time, and on top of all the other problems we've had with previous governors and scandals have educated the people of Illinois," Jackson said. "I think they show a remarkable degree of discernment here."

The Institute plans to get publicity for reform issues, and Matt Baughman, associate director of the Institute, said he is interested to see how the initiative progresses.

"Change by initiative is not easy," Baughman said. "It would take an extraordinary effort for a group to put that together, but it's been done before, and it could be done again."

— Charles Leonard
visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

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Results from 2009
telephone survey given
to 800 respondents in
Illinois

PROPOSAL	PERCENTAGE IN FAVOR
Prohibit company contributions to state campaigns	64.1
Campaign money limit parties can redistribute to other candidates	65.4
Limit length of legislators' service in leadership positions	77.6
Eliminate contribution by providing public funding for all qualified candidates	49.4
Ill. Supreme Court to add neutral person to redistricting panel	72.9

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"I'd like to have a little dryer weather than we've had this year, but we're still maintaining," Gatson said.

King said he is excited to see the progress the project has made, and he has noticed a lot of enthusiasm for it.

"This is a big deal for our university," King said. "To see it start to take shape is important for all of us, not only in athletics, but others in the community and on campus as well."

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66 "It's just human nature that the excitement grows as the project comes out of the ground. I think there's more traffic driving by just to see the project."

— Mario Mocella
athletic director

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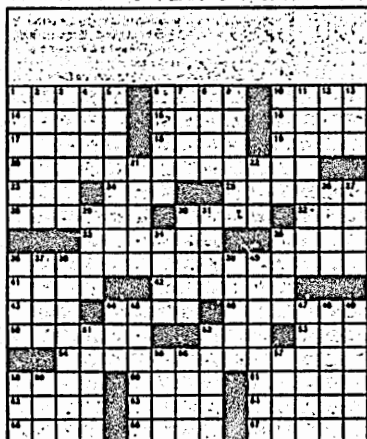
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Crossword

Across
1 Modify to fit
6 Nile bird
10 Early late-night host Jack
14 "Bismol"
15 It smells
16 Golden Fleece ship
17 Devoured every bit of
18 Coke or Pepsi
19 Peter Pan pirate
20 Suffering writer's block
23 Coke graduation
24 "Days of ... Lives"
25 One of the Musketeers
28 Paintings by da Vinci
30 Max
32 Really little
33 Sport ... family vehicle
35 It's bratty
36 "Too it, or ..."
38 Suffering writer's block
41 Open fields
42 Modeling session

activity
43 Frequently, to a poet
44 Docking spot
46 Black Sea resort
50 Offers from a genie
52 Small bill
53 Favored student
54 Suffering writer's block
58 Pinza of "South Pacific"
60 Space-saving abber.
61 Many sculptures
62 Parking lot fillers
63 Complexion problem
64 Krupp Works city
65 Decides
66 Letters after pl
67 Color-coded Monopoly cards

Down
1 Geronimo's tribe
2 Route around the construction area
3 Ancestors in Darwin's

theory
4 Splitter's sound
5 Exceptional
6 Acquire, as liabilities
7 Cartoon flapper Betty
8 Maul, for one
9 Sailor
10 Carbo-loader's choice
11 Military mascot
12 It goes before beauty, so they say
13 ... v. Wade, 1973
Supreme Court decision
21 Enthusiasm
22 Get too personal
26 ... sin to tell ...
27 Witnesses
29 Get fresh with
30 Henry Higgins, to Eliza
31 NYSC debates
34 Apartment house manager
35 Periphery
36 Go with the ...

Monday's answers

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GLOBBY	VAN	BYEN
LEI	PESOB	EOG
CROWD	CONTROL	
HAG	EAR	BONUS
ODIN	STICK	SHIFT
MIST	CASTLE	ALOE
PITH	ALLAY	NEST

37 Strategy for reducing loan payments, briefly
38 Admits an embarrassing error
39 "Shrek" ogress
40 Obligated to repay a loan
44 Split ... soup
45 "Cross my heart"
47 Few and far between
48 Became vaguely aware of

49 Diet guru who wouldn't have recommended
10-Down
51 Reform Party founder Perot
52 Looks boldly at
53 Bath symptom
56 Preb with second
57 Get beaten
58 Earth-friendly prefix
59 Reheat, nowadays

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Monday's answers

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — Now is the time for you to share your wisdom with teachers and students. Co-workers appreciate the details you provide. Be sure you offer at least two alternatives that you can live with. Then, let someone else choose.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Intuitive insights flow into words with very little effort. Build bridges between people. Success follows.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 9 — Listen to your heart first. Then listen to what other people say. Finally, say what you're going to do.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — Hot time in the old town tonight! Limit alcohol for best effect. Rent a great road-trip movie.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Don't try to get anything from anyone except information. You need it, and you find that you thrive when you have it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Make hay while the sun shines! Today you can move forward independently with just about any project.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Get the news out there! This is no time to drag your feet when it comes to telling people how things are.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — This is the day to make fantasies real. Talk to the right people early and get them moving in the desired direction.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Expect surprises from every corner. No one seems clear about what they want. Ask questions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Thoughts are things. Use your thoughts effectively and turn them into money.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — The problem today (if there is one) is focus. Work on one project in private. Share progress later.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You've explored the subject deeply enough to express ideas. People agree with your premise if not the specifics.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Everything you say can and will be used against you. Be sure you mean exactly what you say.

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Monday's answers | Jumbles: TAKEN AWARD DRIVEL JETSAM
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VULTURE FEST BLUES

D.J. Kennedy, 61, who plays the trombone, talks with fans while his bandmates and roadies of The Joey Odum Blues Project pack up gear Sunday after their concert in downtown Makanda for the Vulture Fest weekend. "I've had this horn since grade school," Kennedy said, who earned his degree in metals from SIUC in 1991. Kennedy and lead singer Larry Williams have played together since the 1980s. "Big Larry is in his 80s, so he's a big deal," said long-time friend George Macintosh, of Carbondale. "He's a legend. Sometimes he'll just make stuff up. He'll make up a musical poem right on the spot and you don't know what's going on, but it's fun," Kennedy said. Williams made up a song on the spot to celebrate a young girl's 11th birthday while she watched them play Sunday.

Coach says two teammates with victim during stabbing

Pat Eaton-Robb
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STURRS, Conn. — One teammate performed first aid while another comforted a University of Connecticut football player who was fatally stabbed during a fight outside a school-sanctioned dance over the weekend, their coach said Monday.

Coach Randy Edsall wouldn't identify the teammates or say how many players witnessed the fight that led to the death of 20-year-old Jasper Howard.

"One had Jasper in his arms and the other was pressuring where the wound went in and had blood on his hands," Edsall said. "And those two young men are pretty deeply affected right now."

The state's medical examiner's office said Monday that Howard died from a single stab wound to the abdomen. The death was ruled a homicide.

A second player stabbed in the attack, 19-year-old Brian Parker of Sarasota, Fla., sustained minor injuries. The sophomore wide receiver,

who is academically ineligible to play this season, was treated and released from a local hospital.

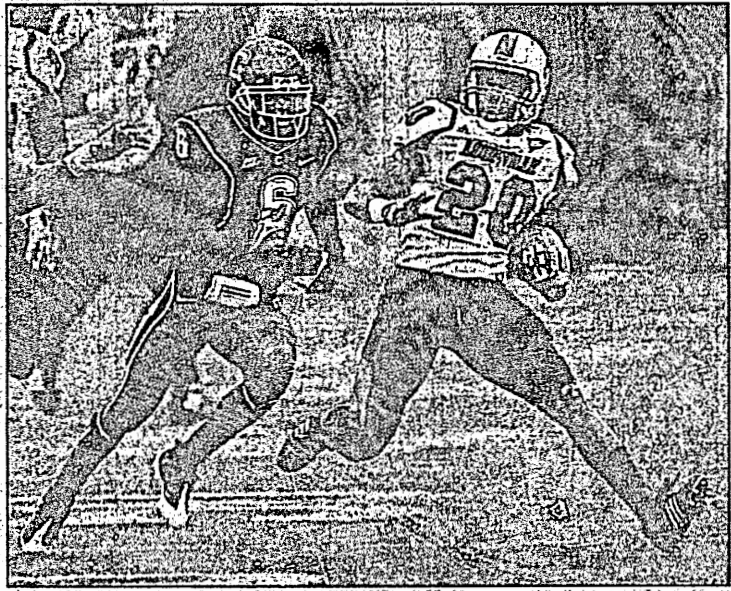
Parker was able to point out one of the men allegedly involved in the attack, who was still at the scene, according to a police report released Monday.

Police arrested that man, 21-year-old Johnny Hood, after the stabbing and charged him with interfering with an officer and breach of peace. According to the report, he gave police a false name. Hood was arraigned Monday and ordered held on \$100,000 bond.

He has not been charged with Howard's death and university police Maj. Ronald Blicher said authorities were not anticipating any significant changes in the investigation Monday.

Howard, a junior and starting cornerback, came to the school to get away from the violence on the streets of his hometown of Miami. He was the first person in his family to go to college.

Joanglia Howard said she got news of her son's death about 4



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Louisville running back Victor Anderson is chased down by Connecticut's Jasper Howard in fourth-quarter action. UConn defeated Louisville, 38-25, at Rentschler Field, Saturday, in Hartford, Conn.

a.m. Sunday, and described him as a "good kid" who never got into trouble.

"All I wanted him to do was go to school and get an education, and he was doing what I asked him to do," she said.

Edsall picked up Howard's parents Monday at a Connecticut airport. He planned to take them to

visit the surgeon who tried to save their son's life, and the medical examiner who has custody of the body.

Police interviewed dozens of witnesses but said no other arrests were expected Monday.

"We're pursuing active investigative leads," Blicher said. "The investigation will continue into this week."

Blicher said Howard was mortally wounded during a fight between two groups that included students and non-students. The altercation broke out just after a fire alarm went off in a student center, forcing around 300 people to evacuate from a party and dance sponsored by the school's West Indian Awareness Organization.

Saluki Insider

The first BCS standings were released Sunday with Florida, Alabama and Texas holding the top three spots. Did any team's ranking surprise you?



RYAN VOYLES

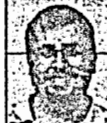
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First, the Bengals came and surprised everybody this season, and now the Bears are a top-five team in the country! I would have never guessed a few months ago Cincinnati would have a great football team, collegiate or professional. The only negative is both teams play in Cincinnati. But they are playing well, so they can get out of Cincinnati as quickly as possible through graduation, the NFL Draft or bigger contract offers from better teams.

I am surprised by Louisiana State being ranked No. 9 in the standings. The only team LSU lost to was Florida in the No. 1 spot. Honestly, I think LSU should be ranked where Southern California is, which is No. 7. LSU has been looking great this season.

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I'm a little surprised where Iowa is ranked. I am glad they are ranked at No. 6, but I thought for sure USC would squeak above them. I mean both human polls — Harris and USA Today — had one lost USC ranked above Iowa. Luckily, thanks to cold, un-biased technology, the Hawkeyes are ahead! I'm sorry, any team that loses to Washington does not deserve to be above any team without a loss in its record. People may say, "They beat Ohio State and Notre Dame." Well, Notre Dame is terrible and as Lendale White, a former Trojan said, "Ohio State sucks."



SUZANNE CARASER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior Jessica Flannery returns the ball during practice Monday at the University Courts. Flannery, along with the tennis team, will travel on Wednesday to Norman, Okla., to compete at the ITA Regional Championship.

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Last season, SIU took student assistant coach Fadzai Mawisire and her partner, graduate assistant coach Anne Blacketter.

Mawisire made it to the second round of play in singles. Blacketter only played in doubles with

Mawisire and went 1-1 during the tournament.

Senior Jessica Flannery said she expects SIU to continue some of the success it had last year.

"I think we're going to do pretty well; we have a strong team," Flannery said. "We're all capable of anything, it's all about who brings their A-game."

WHITNEY

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"Against opponents, it will throw them off; a lot of people like a faster pace," Nothwehr said. "The top players don't like to play against precision players. She will hit the ball deep, and she is a runner, so you will have to hit a lot of balls to get one past her."

In limited action last season, Whitney finished 8-1 in singles play and finished her season by

losing only four games in her final three matches.

Whitney said it was hard for her to be on the bench much of last season, but used it as motivation. She has put that behind her and is focused on the ITA tournament as well as the spring season.

"We've been working really hard, practicing and training this week," Whitney said. "Only the top two got to go last year, so I don't know what it's going to be like. We just have to be ready for it."

Flannery said the team will not have any pressure on its shoulders and should use the tournament to prepare for the spring season.

Flannery said the opportunity to play against national opponents would be beneficial to SIU.

Freshman Melanie Delsart may not get the opportunity to play once again. Nothwehr said the freshman's status for the tournament is still up in the air and may have to wait until the spring to make her Saluki debut. Delsart still needs to have required paper work processed to play.

With Delsart possibly unavailable, sophomore Emily Whitney will be playing No. 1 and freshman Jennifer Dien will play No. 2.

The rest of the women's team will be in the qualifying bracket.

"We have just been working hard, training and doing everything to get our ability to where coach wants it to be," Whitney said. "I didn't go last year, so I don't know what to expect, but I will try my hardest."

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The ITA Regional Championships begins Wednesday and runs through Sunday. Regardless of the outcome, Whitney said she is pleased with how far she has come in her career as a Saluki.

"It makes me feel really good," Whitney said. "It just shows how hard I worked. Any time you put in the work and have the right attitude, you can accomplish anything."

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FOOTBALL

Missouri Valley Football Conference Roundup

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While most of the conference was focused on the top-five matchup between Northern Iowa and SIU, three other league games took place this weekend. Indiana State showed some life in Normal, Missouri State stole a victory from Western Illinois and South Dakota State continued its ascent to the top of the conference.

Missouri State Bears 17
Western Illinois Leathernecks 16

Western Illinois (1-5, 0-3 MVFC) looked to be cruising to its first conference win in the second quarter, but a late Missouri State (4-3, 2-2 MVFC) rally kept the Leathernecks winless in the MVFC.

The Bears scored 17 unanswered points against the Leathernecks, including Matt Hottelmann's game-winning 37-yard field goal with 36 seconds left to seal the Bears' second victory.

Illinois State Redbirds 38
Indiana State Sycamores 21

Not even an act of symbolism could end the nation's longest losing streak. Indiana State head coach Trent Miles decided to take

the team's logos off its jerseys to emphasize discipline.

And for the offense, the move actually worked.

The Sycamores (0-7, 0-4 Missouri Valley Football Conference) put up season highs in total offensive yards (354) and points (21), but it was not enough to take down the Redbirds (3-4, 2-2 MVFC) on their Homecoming. Illinois State quarterback Matt Brown finished with 243 yards and two touchdowns.

South Dakota State Jackrabbits 28
North Dakota State Bison 13

No. 11 South Dakota State (5-1, 4-0 MVFC) continues to tear through the conference as it took care of business at home against rivals North Dakota State (1-6, 0-4 MVFC) in Brookings, S.D., for the annual Dakota Marker game. South Dakota State's Kyle Minnett rushed for 164 yards and two touchdowns in the 96th meeting between the two teams.

The win gives the Jackrabbits a share of the MVFC lead with SIU. The next three weeks will be a test for the Jackrabbits, as they will host Northern Iowa Saturday and SIU on Nov. 7.

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HARE

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Athletic Director Mario Moccia said the athletic department is disappointed, but the Hare decision was Lowery's and his staff.

"It's an unfortunate situation; we hate to see this happen (in) any of our programs," Moccia said. "But it was Lowery and his coaching staff that have the last say in the matter."

Hare started 26 of the 31 games for SIU last season. As a true freshman, Hare averaged 7.5 points per game, 3.1 rebounds per game and shot a team-high 80 percent from the free-throw line.

Lowery said he was not sure what Hare's future holds, but said he would discuss it with him.

"We're trying to decide the best thing for him; whether that is staying here or maybe transferring some-

where else," Lowery said. "Right now, we don't have an answer for that. We met with him again this morning, and we're going to meet with him again tomorrow. We're just trying to find the best avenue for him to travel from here on out."

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66 There is a social responsibility that goes along with being in our family, and he didn't live up to those definitions that we set aside for him

— Chris Lowery
men's basketball head coach

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

SIU prepares for region's best

First time playing in Central

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After showing it can compete with the best in its conference, the women's tennis team will test itself against some of the nation's best.

The Salukis will compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships starting Wednesday in Norman, Okla. It

is their last tournament before the spring season.

Head coach Audra Nothwehr said the tournament offers good competition and will be a valuable experience for her team.

"This allows us to see how we stack nationally against opponents," Nothwehr said. "You have nothing to lose against these opponents, and it'll be exciting to see us play against ranked players."

Nothwehr said in the past the

Salukis could not take all of their players. Only the top two players represented the team in regional play.

SIU switched regions and now plays in the Central. In this region, SIU gets to bring all of its players. The top two players in the tournament while the rest to get compete in qualifiers to earn a spot in the tournament.

Nothwehr said she is happy to bring more players along, but doesn't know what to expect in the region.

"You have nothing to lose against these opponents."

— Audra Nothwehr
women's tennis head coach

"This is new territory for me since we've been playing in a different region," Nothwehr said. "The level of play this region has, I have no idea. We know Wichita State has had some of their players ranked regionally, so we know

where they are at, but everyone else is a mystery. All we can do is go out there and play our best tennis possible."

See TENNIS | 11



Saluki women's sophomore tennis player Emily Whitney leans on the net during a break in practice Monday at the University Courts. Whitney has moved from No. 7 to No. 2 on the team and will lead the Salukis into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals Wednesday.

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Sophomore moves from No. 7 to No. 2 seed

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Sophomore Emily Whitney will have the chance to showcase her progress as she enters regional competition as SIU's No. 2 player.

Last season, Whitney was the No. 7 player on the women's tennis team and did not see much action on the court. Now she leads the Salukis into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals in Normal, Okla., Wednesday.

Head coach Audra Nothwehr said the key to her improvement was playing a lot over the summer.

"She was playing well and putting points together well, but she couldn't get wins," Nothwehr said. "We told her to play a lot of matches over the summer, and she did just that. That's the biggest thing you can do to gain a lot of confidence — just play a lot of matches."

Whitney said she spent her summer in her hometown of Prairie Village, Kan. While there, Whitney went to the Homestead country club where she taught tennis. Her boss was also her tennis coach.

Whitney said this allowed her to train more.

"I was around tennis all the time; I was with my coach all day every day," Whitney said. "I just a lot of work in and feel like I really improved my game."

Whitney's game has inspired

confidence in her teammates, Nothwehr said.

Senior Jessica Flannery said Whitney's ability has given the team a valuable lesson.

"It gives us confidence in showing that we are all capable of anything," Flannery said. "We all have room and are capable of improvement."

Flannery said it was obvious when watching Whitney play that she has improved over the summer.

"Any time you have someone jump so many spots, your team is deeper, and it sets a good example for everyone else," Nothwehr said. "It shows that hard work over the summer can really help out."

Success is not new to Whitney. Whitney ranked No. 13 in under-18 girls singles in the Missouri Valley Section of the United States Tennis Association and ranked No. 7 in singles in the 6A Kansas High School State Tournament.

Whitney said her studious approach to the game led to some of her success.

Nothwehr said Whitney's style of play is not that of a power player but rather of a precision player, someone who places a lot of their shots.

Nothwehr said Whitney's precision is an advantage against the higher-ranked players on any team.

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Lowery: Hare's dismissal a life lesson

Basketball coach addresses sophomore's behavior

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Chris Lowery said it was a tough decision, but Ryan Hare knew what to expect.

"It's an unfortunate situation, because I love him like a son. It was a hard thing for me to do. But there

is a social responsibility that goes along with being in our family, and he didn't live up to those definitions that we set aside for him," Lowery said. "It was a situation where it's more than just putting on a uniform and playing basketball. You have to do things as a human being that I require."

The men's basketball coach addressed the media Monday, a day after dismissing Hare from the team.

The sophomore guard had been suspended indefinitely while facing battery and felony trespassing charges stemming from an incident in late September.

Lowery said there were several factors in the dismissal.

"It was a series of things. We set the groundwork for where he needed to be in order to come back to the team. And when you're suspended, you have to follow a certain guideline. Because those weren't met, and because we didn't see any future in that, we had to part ways with him."

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